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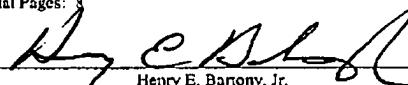
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In re Application of:)
 DENNIS P. CURRAN ET. AL..)
 Serial No.: 10/663,605)
 Filed: SEPTEMBER 16, 2003)
 Art Unit: 1625)
 Examiner: EVELYN MEI HUANG)
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 NOVEL INTERMEDIATES IN THE
 SYNTHESIS OF CAMPTOTHECIN AND
 RELATED COMPOUNDS AND
 SYNTHESIS THEREOF

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219
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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated June 15, 2004, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the amendments set forth herein. The amendments find full support in the claims, specification and drawings as filed. A Petition for Extension (in duplicate) accompanies this Amendment, thereby extending the period for response up to and including November 15, 2004.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this Amendment.

Remarks begin upon page 4 of this Amendment.

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